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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Implement Electric Utility Wildfire
Mitigation Plans Pursuant to Senate
Bill 901 (2018).

Rulemaking 18-10-007

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING CLARIFYING
WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
FOR INDEPENDENT TRANSMISSION OWNERS**

On December 16, 2019, I issued a ruling seeking party review and comment on proposed Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMP) template(s) and other evaluative materials on which the Commission will rely in 2020 (*Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on [WMP] Templates and Related Material and Allowing Comment*). That ruling inadvertently included footnote 2¹ stating that the Independent Transmission Owners (ITOs) are not required to comply with the requirements of the ruling.

The 2019 process of reviewing WMPs allowed some leniency with regard to the format of and processes governing WMPs of ITOs. Nonetheless, all California ITOs are “electrical corporations” and therefore subject to the requirements of Public Utilities Code 8386, which sets forth the WMP requirements. Therefore, ITOs are required by statute to submit WMPs and must

¹ Footnote 2 states: “While a few Independent Transmission Owners submitted WMPs, this ruling applies to electric investor owned utilities – that is, all respondents to this rulemaking except the Independent Transmission Owners.”

comply with the information and data guidelines contained in the appendices to the December 16, 2019 ruling.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated December 23, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ SARAH R. THOMAS

Sarah R. Thomas
Administrative Law Judge